

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-19. (Cancelled)
20. (New) A recliner mechanism system for locking and adjusting tilt of a vehicle seat, the system comprising:
 - a fitting having a fastening opening and configured to be provided at a side of the vehicle seat; and
 - an insert part occupying the fastening opening and configured to receive a transmission rod,
 - wherein an inner periphery of the insert part has a profiled contour for receiving the transmission rod in a form-fitting manner.
21. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the insert part is press-fit into the fastening opening for coupling the insert part to the fitting in a frictional and form-fitting manner.
22. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the fastening opening of the fitting has an inner periphery having a profiled contour for receiving the insert part.
23. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the profiled contour of the fastening opening is an array of fine toothings.
24. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the insert part is formed of a plastic material.
25. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the insert part is formed of a glass fiber reinforced polyamide.
26. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the insert part is inserted into the fastening opening at a predetermined position with reference to the fitting.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein the predetermined position is defined by at least one distance between a reference point on the profiled inner contour of the insert part and a reference point on the fitting.

28. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the profiled inner contour of the insert part has recurring profiles and is formed radially symmetrical to a longitudinal axis of the transmission rod.

29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein a central angle, rotation about which the recurring profiles in the profiled inner contour of the insert part can be brought into overlap, is at least one of 30 degrees, 60 degrees, and 90 degrees.

30. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the profiled inner contour of the insert part is formed asymmetrically with reference to a longitudinal axis of the transmission rod.

31. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the transmission rod upon axial engagement with the insert part has a maximum play of about 4 degrees during a rotational movement about a longitudinal axis of the transmission rod.

32. (New) The system of claim 20 wherein a pivotable clamping element of the fitting defines the fastening opening occupied by the insert part.

33. (New) A method of assembling a recliner mechanism system for locking and adjusting tilt of a vehicle seat, the system having a two fittings which are configured to be provided at opposite sides of the vehicle seat and coupled to each other via a transmission rod axially aligned with a fastening opening of each fitting, the method comprising:

inserting an insert part into the fastening opening of at least one of the fittings, the insert part having a profiled inner contour for supporting the transmission rod in a form-fitting manner;

coupling the insert part to the fitting; and

inserting the transmission rod into the insert part.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the step of coupling the insert part to the fitting comprises press-fitting the insert part into the fastening opening to secure the insert part the fitting in a frictional and form-fitting manner.

35. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the step of inserting the insert part into the fastening opening of the fitting comprises aligning the position of the profiled inner contour of the insert part with reference to the fitting.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the step of aligning the position of the profiled inner contour of the insert part with reference to the fitting comprises referencing at least one distance between a reference point on the profiled inner contour of the insert part with a reference point on the fitting.

37. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the transmission rod is inserted into the insert part before the fitting is coupled to a component of the vehicle seat.

38. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the insert part is inserted into one of the fittings before the fittings are coupled to a component of the vehicle seat and inserted into the other fitting after the fittings are coupled to the component of the vehicle seat.

39. (New) The method of 33, further comprising subjecting the fitting in combination with the insert part to a painting operation before the transmission rod is inserted into the insert part.